

Vinton L. Durflinger

Vinton L. Durflinger was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	72
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Mar 8, 1996
Date of death	Mar 8, 1996
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Other
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Residential

Department information

Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department

PO Box 89

Alexandria, NE 68303

Contact: Mathew Buchli

John Goessling

John Goessling was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	43
Rank	Captain
Classification	Career
Incident date	Apr 23, 1996
Date of death	Apr 23, 1996
Cause of death	Caught or Trapped
Nature of death	Asphyxiation
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Store/Office

Department information

Omaha Fire Department

1516 Jackson Street
Omaha, NE 68102

Contact: Tom Graeve

Charles James Vodak

Charles James Vodak was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	45
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Mar 16, 1999 19:20
Date of death	Mar 16, 1999
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

Department information

Dunning Fire Department

PO Box 66

Dunning, NE 68833-0066

Contact: Jim Reiter

Ronald V. Carlson

Ronald V. Carlson was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	55
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Apr 7, 1994
Date of death	Apr 7, 1994
Cause of death	Struck By
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	Responding
Fixed property use	N/A

Department information

Blue Creek Rural Fire Protection Dist/Lewellen VFD

P.O. Box 21

Lewellen, NE 69147

Contact: Steve McCormick

John Love

Fatality status is provisional and may change as USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify fatality incident information.

Age	77
Rank	Unknown
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Feb 3, 2000 04:30
Date of death	Feb 3, 2000
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Other
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Residential

Department information

Waterloo Fire Department
4th and North Front Street
Waterloo, NE 68069

Contact: Troy Peterson

Bernes 'Bernie' J. Schutte

Bernes 'Bernie' J. Schutte was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	69
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Mar 20, 2002 15:00
Date of death	Mar 20, 2002
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Other
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

Department information

Palisade Volunteer Fire Department

101 South Main P.O. Box 263
Palisade, NE 69040

Contact: Richard Miner

Ronald L Holmes

Ronald L Holmes was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	43
Rank	Firefighter/EMT
Classification	Career
Incident date	Aug 6, 2003 16:00
Date of death	Aug 6, 2003
Cause of death	Struck By
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	EMS/Patient Care
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Non-Fire
Fixed property use	Street/Road

Memorial fund information:
To be announced

Department information

North Platte Fire Department

715 South Jeffers
North Platte, NE 69101

Contact: Paul Pedersen

Robert E. Heminger

Robert E. Heminger was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	39
Rank	Captain
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Feb 14, 2004 07:15
Date of death	Feb 15, 2004
Cause of death	Collapse
Nature of death	Crushed
Activity type	Search and Rescue
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Residential

Memorial fund information:

Wood River Fire Fighters Family Relief Fund. Contact the Heritage Bank @ 110 E. 9th St. Wood River, NE 68883, (308) 583-2262.

Department information

Wood River Fire and Rescue

1002 Main St. P.O. Box 96
Wood River, NE 68883

Contact: Roger Derr

Kenneth A. Woitalewicz

Kenneth A. Woitalewicz was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	38
Rank	Captain
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Feb 14, 2004 07:00
Date of death	Feb 17, 2004
Cause of death	Collapse
Nature of death	Crushed
Activity type	Search and Rescue
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Residential

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Department information

Wood River Fire and Rescue

1002 Main St. P.O. Box 96
Wood River, NE 68883

Contact: Roger Derr

Gene Keith Copple

Gene Keith Copple was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

Age	38
Rank	Assistant Fire Chief
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Nov 18, 1990
Date of death	Nov 18, 1990
Cause of death	Exposure
Nature of death	Electrocution
Activity type	
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	On-Scene Non-Fire

Fixed property use

Department information

Homer Volunteer Fire Department

Homer, NE

Francis M Nichols

Francis M Nichols was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

Age	42
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Jan 23, 1993
Date of death	Jan 23, 1993
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use

Department information

Imperial Volunteer Fire Department

Imperial, NE

Michael Alfred Aunkst

Michael Alfred Aunkst was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	45
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Feb 27, 2005 00:24
Date of death	Feb 27, 2005
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	Responding
Fixed property use	Industry

Memorial fund information:

Memorials may be directed to the family or to the memorial fund that has been established at all York County banks. Metz Mortuary of York is handling arrangements and condolences may be emailed to the family at metz@metzmortuary.com.

Department information

Benedict Volunteer Fire Department

101 Elmer Avenue
Benedict, NE 68316

Contact: Brian Quick

Leo Howard Soderquist

Leo Howard Soderquist was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	64
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Dec 1, 2006 02:57
Date of death	Dec 1, 2006
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Other
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	After
Fixed property use	Residential

Memorial fund information:

C/o Axtell Fire and Rescue, 419 Main Ave., PO Box 96, Axtell, NE 68924-0096

Department information

Axtell Fire and Rescue

419 Main Ave. PO Box 96

Axtell, NE 68924-0096

Contact: Kym Rush

Jeremy W Wach

Jeremy W Wach was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	31
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Nov 5, 2007 00:50
Date of death	Nov 5, 2007
Cause of death	Collapse
Nature of death	Asphyxiation
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Residential

Memorial fund information:

MEMORIALS Memorials can be made at any US Bank location- Jeremy Wach Memorial Fund Or mail to: US BANK 200 North 6th St Beatrice NE 68310

Department information

Wymore Fire and Rescue Department

110 East H Street
Wymore, NE 68466

Contact: Gordon Michaelis

Darrell D Parker

Darrell D Parker was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	56
Rank	Chaplain/Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Aug 10, 2014 08:00
Date of death	Aug 13, 2014
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	Responding
Fixed property use	Street/Road

Department information

Fairbury Rural Fire Department

3020 Industrial AVE U.S. National Grid: 14T PK 5552 4767
Fairbury, NE 68352

Contact: Kenny Krause

Andrew "Andy" N Zalme

Andrew "Andy" N Zalme was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	42
Rank	Captain
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Apr 16, 2015 19:30
Date of death	Apr 16, 2015
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Unknown
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Street/Road

Department information

Dakota City Fire Department

1516 Myrtle Street POB 46 U.S. National Grid: 14T QM 1242 9923
Dakota City, NE 68731

Contact: Clint Rasmussen

Eric Christopher Speck

Eric Christopher Speck was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	38
Rank	Captain
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Jun 23, 2016 18:30
Date of death	Jun 27, 2016
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Other
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Non-Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

Department information

Dakota City Fire Department

1516 Myrtle Street U.S. National Grid: 14T QM 1242 9923
Dakota City, NE 68731

Contact: Clint Rasmussen

Lowell Eugene Satterwhite, Sr.

Lowell Eugene Satterwhite, Sr. was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	67
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Sep 10, 2016 11:30
Date of death	Sep 11, 2016
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Not On Scene
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	After
Fixed property use	Residential

Department information

Dakota City Fire Department
1516 Myrtle Street
Dakota City, NE 68731

Contact: Clint Rasmussen

John Andrew Sing

John Andrew Sing was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	66
Rank	Chief
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Nov 11, 2019 02:00
Date of death	Nov 11, 2019
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Incident Command
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	Returning
Fixed property use	Residential

Department information

Boys Town Fire & Rescue

242 Monsky DR
Boys Town, NE 68010

Contact: Deputy Chief John Kava

Donald "Donny" Eugene Lepper

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Age	46
Rank	Firefighter/EMT
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Feb 22, 2020 14:30
Date of death	Feb 23, 2020
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

Department information

Indianola Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad

102 N 4TH ST PO Box M
Indianola, NE 69034

Contact: Mason Nelms

Dennis M. Bender

Fatality status is provisional and may change as USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify fatality incident information.

Age	78
Rank	Firefighter/Paramedic
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Mar 10, 2021 18:27
Date of death	Mar 10, 2021
Cause of death	Unknown
Nature of death	Unknown
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

Department information

Ponca Hills Volunteer Fire Department

12919 Ponca Road
Omaha, NE 68112

Contact: Joel Sacks

